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SUBJECT: OSCE GUIDANCE: DRAFT DECISION ON THE AGENDA,  
TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES OF THE 2008 OSCE-AFGHANISTAN  
CONFERENCE

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¶1. The Department has reviewed the text of draft decision PC.DD/26/08 (reftel), which decides the agenda and modalities of the November 9-10 OSCE Asia Partners Conference, to be held in Kabul.

¶2. Post should seek the following amendments to the text:

a) in the third bullet of the session 3 agenda, on the issue of trafficking, for the sake of clarity about the scope of discussion, Post should attempt to obtain consensus on inserting the modifier "cross-border" in front of the word "trafficking" so that bullet reads, in its entirety: "Fighting corruption and illegal activities, including all forms of cross-border trafficking".

b) in the first bullet of the session 1 agenda, Post should seek deletion of the bracketed text so that the bullet reads, in its entirety: "Promoting institution-building, election capacity-building, human rights and democratization, as components for security and stability;".

¶3. While obtaining these changes is desirable, it is not crucial, and Post is therefore authorized to join consensus on the text of the agenda without the amendment should other participating States object.

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